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Dear Miss Loving,

I received your letter containing the 1st issue of "Post Script" and was certainly glad to hear from you. I hope that you are able to keep up the paper as it is a very good idea & I'm sure that everyone enjoyed it who was away from home and wondering just what was happening. The addresses of the fellers are also a very excellent idea, especially the up to date ones you have. It seemed to be quite the proper procedure to get married back home there, doesn't it? Everyone is handing diamonds out a dime a dozen, aren't they?

Well, both Johnny York & Tom Brodie are out to sea now & both are on Destroyer Escorts. Johnny is in the Quartermaster Corps, but I do not have his ship address.

By the way, Miss Loving, thanks a lot for finding out about **Tellenwaters** and writing me the news of him. I was very glad to hear it as I had no one else to try & get in touch with about it.

I don't know exactly when I'll be back in the States; perhaps by the first part of February, but there is really no telling. We are still on the go, back & forth, down here with little time to get ashore. However, we are doing okay so there is no complaints. We are even very much climatized & I think we may have some trouble when we have to hit cold weather again. The tropics have both their good & bad points, of course. There has been very little or no excitement down here in the past couple months, so there is no worry on that angle. We really live quite a life. These U.S.O.'s down here are really fine places, too, & most convenient in more ways than one.

Did you get the Christmas card I sent you, Miss Loving? I sent it about a week ago.

Well, I guess I shall have to hit the sack again Right now I am once again up a river in the [censored text]. It a very unusual place for an American Merchant Ship to be, but we've been doing it for quite a time now. The river is so narrow that once in a while we get some of the bushes from the jungle on our deck. So you can see how it is.

Please excuse this sloppy writing. I can't write good in the first place, but I want to be sure not to procrastinate when I do have a short time to write a letter.

Take care of yourself, Miss Loving, & Merry Christmas to you.

[Censored text]

Love as always,

Claude

P.S. Say hello to everyone for me!